



final &lt;jon.gerhardson@gmail.com&gt;

## Your data request

Jonathan Gerhardson &lt;jon.gerhardson@gmail.com&gt;

Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 3:59 PM

To: Stuart Saginor &lt;stuart.saginor@communitypreservation.org&gt;

Stuart,

I see. So CPC is not itself a nonprofit, but is a project run by nonprofit(s)? Makes sense you'd also use civic plus, I'm maybe being too generous in assuming they'd set up a site that's useful to the public like this as a way of attracting municipal customers.

I need to explain who you are in just a few words, so forgive the crasness in this line of questioning. I want to buy [communitypreservationcommision.org](https://communitypreservationcommision.org). and any IP it owns. I will pay \$50 Billion dollars.

**Who do I make the check out to?**

Re my request for a custom report. NBD. My job is basically just asking busy/important/understaffed people to do or say things they'd rather not ro have no time for, so no big deal and apologies if it was too big an ask. I had a hunch you wouldn't be able to assist so I figured out a workaround:

Here's how you do it if this is useful information. (Please don't go and change something on the site to intentionally make this not work. I'm not doing anything more than [this person.](#))

### How to create a list of values from individual fields from a collection of CPA project reports:

You need: a Linux terminal, [pandoc](#), and the browser extension DownThemAll.

1. Do a search on projects databank to get just the results you want. (In my case this was checking 1 municipality, housing, date range all.
2. On results page, right click > Downthemall. Use fast filtering "GetHTMLReport" (or whatever it's titled) and check exclude all others. Choose a folder named for that city. In this case I'm getting Agawam. (even though they only have 4 housing prokjects, so I could ave manually done this for them faster than even typing this email lol.)
3. cd to or open a terminal from within that folder which contains your desired project reports in .html format.
4. run:
 

```
$ pandoc -s *.html -o agawam.txt
```

 //This pastes the source code for all the html reports into one big text file.
5. Within those reports each field is labeled "tdf\_[number]." Use inspect element to identify the number of the field you want to extract. In this case, I want total funds leveraged from other sources, which is tdf\_46.
6.
 

```
$ grep -A1 '#{tdf_46 .cell .cc .nowrap}' agawam.txt | grep -v '#{tdf_46 .cell .cc .nowrap}' | cut -d'$' -f2 | cut -d' ' -f1 | while read line; do echo $line; done
```

//this cuts out everyting in the ext file except the numbers in field tdf\_46. As long as you don't rename the html files the list will be in chronological order oldest to newest.

7. For different fields just change "46" above with the field number you want. (28 is ousing expenditure.)

There's probably a more elegant way to do this, but I'm not a programmer or anything. ChatGPT came up with the above grep script hahah!

I'm sorry to hear that about Chase, and I hope his family medical issue is resolved as swiftly as it is favourably.

Please answer first question in bold at top of email.

Best,  
Jon

[Quoted text hidden]